



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

Founded 1914

Our 100th Anniversary Year!

May 2014 Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting:

June 13: Annual auction, with Tom Chance, K9XV, serving as auctioneer.

Highlights from the May Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by Club President Dave Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 48 in attendance.

Two new hams were introduced and welcomed.

Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, announced that the Dayton Hamfest is coming up and we still have bus tickets for sale for \$30.

Tom Chance, K9XV, announced that we put W9JP/100 on the air as a bonus station for the Indiana QSO party and we logged 1000 Qs. Bob Burns stated he believes we worked 80 to 85 counties. Mark Musick, WB9CIF, stated that for the worked all IN award, people who turn in their logs do not need to send a QSL card. Tom will send in the log. Someone asked if they only worked 50 stations in the QSO party, should they turn in the log. The answer is yes, as every log counts. As of today, there were about 165 logs submitted.

The Hilltop is September 27 and the rules have been released. Bob Burns, W9BU, has the info available on the table and will have it on the website soon. Bob Osterhous, W9PSE, announced that the Military Cross-band operation is tomorrow. He has a spreadsheet of all of the bands and frequencies.

Dave Spoelstra announced that the Special Event station W9IMS is on the air for the Indianapolis Grand Prix thru Saturday. W9IMS will be back on the air Tuesday, May 20 thru race day.

Our presenter for the evening was David Spoelstra with an overview of micro-controllers. Meeting ended at 9:18pm.

[Editor's note: Special Thanks to Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, for taking notes at this meeting in my absence.]

Ham Radio News:

IRC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENTS FOR 2014

June 13: 1990 to 2000 History, along with annual auction

June 28 – 29: W9JP/100 Field Day at Camp Belzer

July 12: Special Display at Indianapolis Hamfest

July 17 – 19: ARRL 100th anniversary celebration

September 12: 2000 to 2014 History of the Club

October 10: 100th Year Dinner with ARRL speaker, W9JP/100 Special Event, and 1914 to 2014 History of the Club presentation.

ED DIXON, KB9RPB, SK

Word has been received that long time Indianapolis Radio Club member Ed Dixon, KB9RPB, passed away Friday, May 16. Services are as follows:

VISITATION: Saturday, May 24th from 10am - 12 noon at Greater Northwest Baptist Church 3402 W. 62nd Street, Indianapolis. SERVICE: also Saturday at 12 noon at the church.

Those that knew Ed will remember his kind demeanor, and willingness to help out. Ed was "grill master" for several of the Broad Ripple Hamfests.

Some kind words have been received since the posting of this to the membership: Ed was a good friend to all. He will be missed.

(May he have fair winds and following seas forever)

*Steve Wendt USN (Ret)
KB9RDS*

Ed was a great Ham and one of my personal friends, He will be missed.

Bob Northern w9vcs

*Ed was a good man. au Revior my friend.
Pat Daily N2DKB*

*I was so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. We worked together on the First Aid Team for the Red Cross.
Ed was a very kind and thoughtful person. He will be sorely missed.
Rest in Peace Ed.*

Mark Burke, W9MGB

TEN-TEC AND ALPHA AMPLIFIERS MERGE

The merger of Longmont, Colorado -based RF Concepts LLC / Alpha Amplifiers and Sevierville, Tenn.-based TEN-TEC Inc., was announced May 9 by RF Concepts Chairman Michael Seedman, AA6DY, who declared the union the perfect combination of amateur radio brands. The merger creates a multi-million-dollar company with products that span QRP transceivers to full-legal-limit amplifiers and establishes an organization with the size and scale to continue to innovate into the next decade and beyond.

RF Concepts/Alpha Amplifiers has been building amplifiers continuously since the early 1970s and has put more than 13,000 amplifiers in the hands of demanding amateur radio operators. Alpha Amplifiers are considered "the finest line of linear amplifiers in the world" by the ham community. TEN-TEC, founded in 1968, produces top-of-the-line receivers, transceivers, amplifiers and tuners and is known worldwide for the reliability and performance of its products.

"The merger of these brands under the RF Concepts banner makes perfect sense," added Seedman, "not only in terms of creating a powerful product line, but also in terms of positioning our company for the future. This merger more than doubles the size of our business allowing us to invest more capital in innovative engineering and customer-driven product development."

RF Concepts' operations will now be shared between its Longmont Colorado facility and its Sevierville Tennessee facility. The company is currently seeking a new operations facility in the Sevierville area to more efficiently house factory operations, part of the engineering resources, and technical and customer support services. The Colorado facility will house engineering resources, technical and customer support services, and much of the front-office operations.

MARION COUNTY VE TESTING SCHEDULE

June 14, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart (317) 495-1933 Email: k9ru@arri.net

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

July 12, Saturday at Indianapolis Hamfest, 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis (317) 363-7457 Email: ws9h@arri.net

Location: Marion County Fair Grounds, 7300 East Troy Ave
Indianapolis, IN

August 9, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart (317) 495-1933 Email: k9ru@arri.net

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

September 13, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis (317) 363-7457 Email: ws9h@arri.net

Location: Integrated Public Safety Commission, 8468 E 21st St
Indianapolis IN 46219-2517

October 11 Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart (317) 495-1933 Email: k9ru@arri.net

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

November 8, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis (317) 363-7457 Email: ws9h@arri.net

Location: Integrated Public Safety Commission, 8468 E 21st St
Indianapolis IN 46219-2517

December 13, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart (317) 495-1933 Email: k9ru@arri.net

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

FOX NEWS STORY ON HAM RADIO TODAY

Story from Georgia about how ham radio is being used a backup communications, much as it is in Indiana. <http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2014/05/19/ham-radio-old-technology-gets-new-respect/>

2014 IRCC TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Indiana Radio Club Council is accepting for nominations for the 2014 Technical Excellence Award.

The IRCC Technical Excellence Award provides a way to recognize Indiana Amateur's that are advancing the state of the art or have used or shared their technical expertise to the benefit of the amateur radio community. Look around your area, there are plenty of technical hams in our ranks. We are looking for the best of these. They could be doing technical mentoring, projects, seminars or have presented technical talks at your club meetings or a forum at a hamfest. They may be working with digital communications, home brew, remote station control, repeaters, antenna tinkerers or just plain old time ham radio "geeks." We know they are out there, we need your help locating them and to submit a nomination.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

Any amateur radio operator in Indiana may submit a nomination. Nominee must hold an amateur radio license and be a resident of Indiana, but they are not required to be a member of any club or organization.

We need as much information about your nominee as possible. Please explain in some details what you nominee has done with their technical skills, achievements, mentoring, projects and how the amateur radio community benefits for those efforts. Include: the nominees: name, call, email and/or home address, and home and/or cell phone number.

We also need the nominating person: name, call, email and/or home address, and home and/or cell phone number. We may need to contact you for additional information or confirmation.

All nominations must be received by June 5, 2014.

The IRCC Technical Excellence Award is to be presented at the Indianapolis Hamfest on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at the IRCC forum.

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO: Jim Rinehart, K9RU, 1455 Shannon Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201 or k9ru.indy@gmail.com

For more information about the IRCC check out: <http://inrcc.org>

TEN-TEC HAMFEST CANCELED FOR 2014

From the TenTec website:

Hamfest at Ten-Tec has been canceled this year due to our plans to relocate in early fall.

After enjoying 46 years in our headquarters on Dolly Parton Parkway, we are actively seeking a new location in Sevierville that will offer more modern and energy-efficient facilities, a new showroom, and a much-needed upgrade in working environment for staff.

Our current facility and property are already under contract, and, as a result, they will not be available for our annual Hamfest open house and flea market. And, chances are, in September we'll be neck-high in boxes and crates preparing for our move.

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the May, 1968 *Amachewer*:

On March 8th a proposal was brought before the club members by your Secretary, and it was met with considerable enthusiasm by those present. There was considerable discussion on the idea and many helpful suggestions from the members. A motion was then made from the floor that the Indianapolis Radio Club hold an annual banquet on the fourth Friday in October for members and their wives and prospective members with the cost of the dinner to be borne by those attending. The motion was seconded and carried.

A second motion was made that as a part of this program, the Indianapolis Radio Club establish an Amateur of the Year Award to be given to the member who in the opinion of the judges had contributed the most to the club and that the award be presented at the annual dinner. The motion was seconded and carried.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- July 12: Indianapolis Hamfest. More information at <http://www.indyhamfest.com/>
- September 19 and 20: W9DXCC Convention and Banquet. More information at <http://www.w9dxcc.com/>
- September 20 and 21: Peoria Superfest, featuring Gordon West, WB6NOA, as keynote speaker. Go to http://www.w9uvi.org/?page_id=1579 for more information.

2014 Officers:

- President: Dave Spoelstra, N9KT – EMAIL n9kt@arrl.net
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - ..EMAIL dmiller@ivytech.edu
- Secretary: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - ..EMAIL kj9b@arrl.net
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